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1. In August 1954, the deficit of the brown-coal-briquettes production in East Germany was estimated to amount to 1 million tons. This deficit cannot be corrected as the production capacity of the new briquette plants will be held back two or three months by the non-delivery of necessary installations.
2. It is impossible to make up for this loss by using sifted raw coal since open-cast mining cannot produce enough of the type of coal suitable for sifting.
3. When Fritz Selbmann, Minister for Heavy Industry, reported the deficit of the brown-coal briquette production to the presidium of the Council of Ministers, he was told by Minister-President Otto Grothwohl to consider the consequences which this situation might have on the elections of 17 October 1954.

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